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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013-14 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 606

Introduced by Assembly Members Williams and Quirk-Silva Gorell (Principal coauthor: Senator Jackson)

February 20, 2013

An act to add and repeal Section 76072 of the Education Code, relating to student financial aid. An act relating to environmental quality, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 606, as amended, Williams. Student financial aid: community colleges. Hueneme Beach shoreline protection.

Under existing law, the Division of Boating and Waterways has powers and duties pertaining to beach erosion control, beach stabilization, and beach repair and restoration.

Existing law establishes the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Fund, available upon appropriation by the Legislature, for purposes of parks and resources improvement. The fund makes moneys available to the State Coastal Conservancy for specified purposes, including, but not limited to, the acquisition, enhancement, restoration, protection, and development of coastal resources, beaches, waterfronts, and public accessways, as specified.

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This bill would appropriate \$1,000,000 from the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Fund to the State Coastal Conservancy for a grant to the City of Port Hueneme. The bill would require funding to be allocated for emergency measures along Hueneme Beach in the City of Port Hueneme to prevent severe infrastructure damage to streets and property caused by beach erosion and flooding, thereby making an appropriation.

This bill would make findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for Hueneme Beach.

This bill would become operative only if SB 436 is enacted and takes effect on or before January 1, 2014.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts, administered by governing boards, throughout the state, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction to students at the community college campuses maintained by the districts.

Existing law requires the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to develop a statement that individual students will be asked to sign, which acknowledges that federal and state funds are available to assist with the costs of college and that information regarding these programs, and assistance in applying for those funds, can be obtained at the financial aid office.

This bill would require the Office of the Chancellor, until January 1, 2017, to establish a voluntary pilot program, with specified requirements, to increase student participation in state and federal financial aid programs and in the federal American Opportunity Tax Credit. The bill would require the Office of the Chancellor to provide specified information on the pilot program to the Legislative Analyst's Office by January 10, 2016, which the Legislative Analyst's Office would be required to use to report to the Legislature on the results of the pilot program and to make recommendations for statewide expansion of the pilot program.

Vote: majority-<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>. Appropriation: no-yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

- (a) Funds are needed immediately for the City of Port Hueneme to implement emergency measures to prevent significant damage caused by severe erosion at Hueneme Beach to public infrastructure, public roads that include a route identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as feeding into a tsunami evacuation route, and community areas.
- (b) These funds are also needed to prevent down coast negative impacts to the Ormond Beach Wetlands, a sensitive and ecologically important public resource, to ensure that the environmental quality of this unique estuary is protected.
- (c) Given the sizeable waste that remains at the Halaco Superfund Site, these funds are also critically needed to prevent downshore erosion.
- SEC. 2. Notwithstanding any other law, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Fund to the State Coastal Conservancy for a grant to the City of Port Hueneme. The funding shall be allocated, pursuant to subdivision (o) of Section 5096.310 of the Public Resources Code, for emergency measures to prevent severe infrastructure damage to streets and property located along the Hueneme Beach caused by beach erosion and flooding. This appropriation shall only be used for erosion control projects for which a permit has been approved by the California Coastal Commission.
- SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the severe erosion occurring at Hueneme Beach that threatens public infrastructure, public roads, and community areas.
- 34 SEC. 4. This act shall become operative only if Senate Bill 436 35 is enacted and takes effect on or before January 1, 2014.
- 36 SEC. 5. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within

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1 the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into 2 immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

To provide the necessary funding as soon as possible to implement emergency measures designed to prevent severe infrastructure damage to public infrastructure, public roads, and community areas threatened by flooding as a result of severe erosion along Hueneme Beach in the City of Port Hueneme, it is necessary for this measure to take effect immediately.

SECTION 1. Section 76072 is added to the Education Code, immediately following Section 76071, to read:

76072. (a) The Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall establish a voluntary pilot program to increase student participation in state and federal financial aid programs. The chancellor shall select no more than 10 community eollege campuses to participate in the pilot program from campuses that volunteer to participate in the pilot program. In selecting campuses for the pilot program, the chancellor, to the extent possible, shall ensure geographic, economic, and demographic diversity.

- (b) The pilot program shall identify both of the following target populations to participate in the pilot program:
- (1) Students potentially eligible for financial aid who complete an application for a fee waiver provided pursuant to Section 76300, but who do not complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- (2) Students potentially eligible for financial aid who do not receive any campus, state, or federal financial aid.
- (c) The goal of the pilot program shall be to increase student participation in both state and federal financial aid programs by performing actions including, but not necessarily limited to, all of the following:
- (1) Identifying strategies and best practices for increasing the number of students who submit the FAFSA.
- (2) Examining and developing strategies for increasing student participation in state and federal financial aid programs beyond the waiver of fees pursuant to Section 76300.
- (3) Identifying the extent to which students claim the federal American Opportunity Tax Credit (26 U.S.C. Sec. 25A (i)) and developing strategies for increasing the number of students who elaim the credit.

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(d) The Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges is encouraged to pursue both private and federal funding to support implementation and operation of the pilot program.

- (e) Once a pilot program has been established pursuant to subdivision (a), the Office of the Chancellor shall provide the following information to the Legislative Analyst's Office on or before January 10, 2016:
- (1) Strategies and techniques that the participating community college campuses employed in administering the pilot program.
- (2) Data on student participation in state and federal financial aid programs, and to the extent possible, the American Opportunity Tax Credit (26 U.S.C. Sec. 25A (i)).
- (f) Based on the information received pursuant to subdivision (e), the Legislative Analyst's Office shall report to the Legislature on the results of the pilot program and make recommendations for statewide expansion of the pilot program. The report shall include all of the following:
- (1) A statistical analysis of financial aid applications and awards before and after implementation of the pilot program.
- (2) A summary of the major strategies and techniques employed by the participating community college campuses in administering the pilot program.
- (g) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2017, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2017, deletes or extends that date.